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## Falls Church City Library Receives Top National Honors

The Mary Riley Styles Public Library in the City of Falls Church has been named one of the best public libraries in the U.S. by the *Library Journal*. The City library is one of only 256 top libraries in the country to receive "star" ratings in a rating system similar to that used in the Michelin Guide. The Mary Riley Styles Library received three stars. The only other Virginia libraries receiving stars are Williamsburg, five stars, and Loudoun, three stars.

The new public library national rating system rates libraries with expenditures of \$10,000 or more that serve populations of at least 1,000. Ratings are based on four per-capita service indicators: library visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet computer uses.

Among 30 libraries in the same category, the Mary Riley Styles Public Library ranked:

14<sup>th</sup> for circulation per capita

22<sup>nd</sup> for visits by patrons per capita

21st for program attendance per capita

16<sup>th</sup> for Internet use per capita

26<sup>th</sup> overall

For more information about the library national rating system visit: <a href="https://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6629180.html&&">www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6629180.html&&</a> . For more information about Mary Riley Styles Public Library, visit <a href="https://www.falls-church.lib.va.us/">www.falls-church.lib.va.us/</a> or call 703-248-5031.

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